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## Cleaning Up the Yukon

Victoria, B.C., Aug. 3.—It was learned here today that the Yukon Territory legislature which has just convened has decided to abolish the saloon in the territory, including Dawson City, and to do away with dance halls. A bill to that effect has been introduced and it is likely that it will pass without much opposition.

The Yukon is the only place in Canada where women can legally sell liquor and this is to be done away with. Mr. Justice Dugas has recently sentenced Jack McCrimmon to thirty days hard labor for conducting a dance hall and the campaign against the evil has become widespread.

## Customs Revenue Decreased

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Customs revenue for July was \$3,732,876, a decrease of \$1,708,726 as compared with July last year. For the first four months of the fiscal year customs receipts have been \$14,458,745 as compared with \$20,565,694 for corresponding period a year ago a decrease of \$6,106,949.

## Election Fraud Alleged

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—This disqualification of F. A. Gendron, M.L.A. for Ottawa county in the Quebec legislature is asked for on account of poll irregularities. It is alleged that 150 voters were counted at no poll at all. Another ballot was written on wrapping paper. The case is called for Sept. 28th.

## Tried For Shooting Prisoner

Tilbury, Ont., August 3.—Chief Elliot of Kinsbush, has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter for the shooting and the killing of a fugitive prisoner last week. He is out on bail of fifteen thousand dollars.

## Large Sales of Ter- centenary Stamps

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The postoffice department reports that the sale of special issues of stamps in commemoration of the Quebec Tercentenary has now reached a total of 29,000,000 aggregating \$580,000. There has been a big demand for the stamps from collector all over the world. These issues of various denominations will be exhausted in a very few days and no more will be printed.

## FURTHER DETAILS OF FERNIE FIRE

Rumored That Blaze was Incendiary--Fate of Michel and Hosmer Uncertain--Death Roll May Not be as Large as Supposed Yesterday

Nelson, B. C., Monday evening, Aug. 3.—The exact fate of the towns of Hosmer and Michel. The shrinkage of the death list, which is remarkably small considering the area devastated and the "wind-sundown" with which the flames poured down on their victims.

The discussion of the topic of whether incendiaries and not the bush fire were responsible for the destruction of Fernie.

These are the three main features of news interest today in the Crow's Nest disaster. Meanwhile measures are going on from the west as well as the east to succor the poor folk who have fled from their homes in the burned district.

Rossland tonight is taking five hundred of the overflow of the hands of Strathbrook and Nelson, and from Vancouver this afternoon the first carload of clothing and provisions started for the upper country. The relief fund is climbing into the thousands.

Of Hosmer it is known that most of the residences of the new town were swept away this forenoon. The mine buildings and machine shops, erected by the C.P.R. for the great colliery are still intact.

Doubt exists about the real conditions at Michel. One part of the town has been burned and there appears to be little hope of saving the remainder.

The story that Fernie was the victim of Italian incendiaries seems incredible, but is being urged by reputable business men of Fernie who arrived at Nelson this afternoon.

They say that fires started in three places at one time. These places were separated by many blocks.

Five prisoners, alleged to be members of the Black Hand Society, escaped a week ago from the Fernie jail. It is urged that friends of the men who were all recaptured and lodged in jail, may have fired the city, choosing an opportune time when

a high wind was raging and a bush fire was burning not far away.

No confirmation is obtainable of the story that sixty men and two women were burned in a logging camp on Elk River. For this reason despatches from Nelson and Cranbrook this evening discredit the report.

It is said that twelve bodies have been recovered in Fernie, but taking all the information into consideration it looks this evening as if the death roll would figure down to something less than forty.

It is understood the rest of the men escaped safely to another camp, with the exception of two who, it is feared, are lost. Alex. Jordan, a Cape Breton man, and Frank Thompson, an Englishman.

The majority of the men at the camp escaped by swimming the river after waiting till the fire passed.

Robert Severin and wife were in camp and had some friends, including some ladies, visiting them. All were taken safely across the rapid waters.

The horses and pigs in camp were saved also, but the buildings all went.

Wood and McNab's mill and lumber yard were saved, not a board being lost. Their limit is destroyed.

McDougall's saw mill and yards were entirely destroyed, the only thing saved being a few logs in the river.

Fernie is blackened with old buildings standing here and there. It is reported that the casualty list will not exceed twenty, but this is conservative.

A family composed of father, mother and two small children, named Torr were entirely wiped out. They found suffocation. The father had just taken refuge in a well and was later rescued from the "bump" of the day before in the mine.

Works to be asked to inspect the road between Sections 24 and 25-32-23-4 to determine the cost of fixing, and also to be asked for assistance in the work.

Moved by Wm. Lang and C. Cropley, that the Department of Public Works be asked to send an engineer to find what depth ditch is required to take water all the road between Sections 8 and 9-24-24-4 and connect in accordance with Section 9 of the Local Improvement Ordinance.

Moved by A. J. Stannard and A. J. Stannard, that the pay sheets presented by A. J. Stannard, Wm. Lang and A. G. McLeod, be paid.

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Negro Bell, a negress, was burned to death, and two women who were in her house were also missing. The bodies of two lumber-jacks were found on the track a short distance out.

Mrs. Turner, an old bed-ridden lady, was burned to death. Friends could not carry her away. She was found dead.

The body of a dead child is just reported found but its name is not known.

THE INSURANCE.

Following is the list of fire insurance companies effected:—

London and Montreal, Anglo-American, Baitry, Ottawa, Montreal, Canada, Globe, Colonial, United States and National, Union Association of London, German-American, Western London, Liverpool and Globe, Phoenix of London, Canadian Fire, St. Paul's, Sovereign, Manitoba, Queen's, Norwich Union, Union, London and Lancashire, Pacific Coast.

MICHEL IS SAFE.

Michel, B. C., Aug. 3.—The old town of Michel is safe, although residents are prepared to leave it at a moment's notice and have all their household goods piled in front of their houses. The new town in the bush is not safe as yet and will not be until a strong wind should spring up from the north.

A trail of women and children were shipped from Michel to Fernie last night. The wind late this morning was shifting toward the north but not strong.

The Midland Lumber Mill at Wardrop siding is nothing but a heap of ashes. The Great Northern tracks paralleled the C.P.R. along here and three bridges on the Great Northern are a blackened heap of ruins through which the water flows.

In several places the Great Northern wires are also down. At Hosmer a number of people from Fernie

are housed in the new coke oven.

The town is safe unless a hurricane should spring up. Yesterday the fire reached the houses and nine were burned before the fire fighters used dynamite to blow up a couple of residences in the path of the flames and thus checked them. The 30,000,000 new young temporary all-flame were also destroyed.

The citizens fought the fire for two days, working in shifts of twenty men, plunging and digging trenches and back-firing. The gravity water system also was used and powerful streams of water from the hose and of material in the fighting.

Camp four of the Elk Lumber Co., with sixty-four men, was at first feared to be wiped out entirely but up to the present 35 men have been accounted for, besides five who were found on the track burned to death. In some cases they were beyond possibility of identification.

FATALITIES AT FERNIE.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 3.—Late this afternoon the body of a man, burned beyond recognition, was found in the ruins of the Wabior hotel, in the old town. The bodies of two unknown children were also discovered in the ruins.

The body of a man with clothes burned entirely off were found on the track near Sparwood, Engineer Anderson, of Hosmer mine, was found suffocated. Four more unrecognizable bodies were found in the old town at right oblique last night.

Rifted old children are looking for parents. Some have been already found having been separated during the fire. One husband is looking for his wife and baby and one for his wife and two children, whom it is thought were parted in flight Saturday and Sunday.

The plaintiff on the other hand, contended that the object of the joint arrangement was to secure the controlling interest in the stock of the Exhibition association or as much of it as could be bought and that it was not confined to purchases made by Gouin. The defendants admitted, however, that a portion of the 222 shares which they agreed to buy was interested in was not bought by Gouin.

The judge held that the agreement to buy through Gouin was only a subordinate plan and that there was an arrangement whereby the joint interests should be confined to the purchases made through Gouin.

It was shown that the plaintiff at various times in 1907, 1908 and 1909 had paid the defendant his share of the cost of the stock, but that it was not until March 1st, 1906, that the balance of the 222 shares was paid. On March 1st, 1906, the plaintiff paid \$1,625.00, being the balance owing on the stock purchased. The defendants admitted that they gave no notice of the termination of the agreement

Underwood, Aug. 3.—Duncan McKenzie aged seventy was thrown out of his wagon by a runaway and killed this morn.

## Bad Fire Followed Gasoline Explosion

Hagersville, Ont., Aug. 3.—An explosion of gasoline in J. Head's repair shop caused the destruction of a block and a loss of \$45,000. The sufferers are Head, W. Corrigan, W. Seymour, Cunningham and O. Ingles. J. Banks of Brantford, expert machinist, who was handling the gasoline, was perhaps fatally burned.

## Smuggling Orientals Into U.S.A.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—The big stick in the hands of that premier wielder, Theodore Roosevelt, is about to swing about the ranks of the Pacific Coast Immigration in rear of the U. S. government, and when it swings, it seemingly reputable reports can be relied upon, heads big and little are apt to fall into the basket of political oblivion.

An investigation which has been going on for over a year under the direction of a special commission, named by the President, it is said has revealed evidence of alleged connivance on the part of the immigration agents in the smuggling of Chinese and Japanese into the United States, both along the Canadian and Mexican borders and in ports of entry.

Agents of the U. S. Government are now in San Francisco working upon the finishing details of the case. They are making use of a great staff of detectives and it is declared that an underground system has been uncovered and the rendezvous of Chinese leaders revealed. Much evidence has been obtained in regard to this practice in southern California, where it is charged Orientals have been regularly passed across the Mexican border under the very noses of that force of immigration inspectors.

LINES VS. McDUGALL AND SECOND.

Judgment has been handed down by Mr. Justice Bennett in the action brought by W. T. Lines, Mgr. of the Brackman-Kearney Mfg. Co., against McDougall and Second, concerning the defendants to account for and pay to the plaintiff the profits on stock of the Edmonston Exhibition Association dealt in by the three of them in partnership.

Mr. Lines' evidence at the hearing of the case at the last sitting of the Supreme Court here was that in 1902 he agreed with the defendants, John A. McDougall and Richard Second to buy stock in the Edmonston Industrial Exhibition Association. The defendants were to pay two-thirds of the cost of the stock by sale of dividends was to be divided in the same ratio.

The defendants purchased a large amount of the Exhibition association stock and the plaintiff paid his share from time to time. The defendants paid part of the proceeds to the plaintiff but refused to account for any of the stock but what had been purchased through the agency of the late George Gouin, alleging that the partnership expired when he ceased to buy for them.

The plaintiff on the other hand, contended that the object of the joint arrangement was to secure the controlling interest in the stock of the Exhibition association or as much of it as could be bought and that it was not confined to purchases made by Gouin. The defendants admitted, however, that a portion of the 222 shares which they agreed to buy was interested in was not bought by Gouin.

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## Provincial Rights

Efforts are being made by the subsidized Ottawa press to make it appear that the issues of the last election in Saskatchewan are no more. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is just as much reason, more, in fact, than ever before for the existence of a Provincial Rights party.

One of the reasons for the graft, unfortunately so prevalent in the national government, is that they have so much material at hand out of which the unscrupulous can make money.

The Saskatchewan government does not own an acre of land, excepting what may be purchased for public building sites, nor a pound of mineral, in fact the timber, the fisheries and all the great resources which should bring revenue to the people of the province are owned and controlled at Ottawa.

The fixed maximum revenue of Saskatchewan, apart from the per capita allowance of less than a dollar a head, cannot exceed in years to come much over a million dollars. Are the people going to be satisfied with this? Ottawa today does not pretend to run the ordinary machinery of a government for about 7,000,000 people much under \$100,000,000. Saskatchewan will be expected to run that province and provide for all the great necessary improvements, education, etc., in time to come, even when the population has reached a million on less than two million dollars.

What chance would brothers-in-law of ministers have in grabbing hundreds of miles of valuable timber limits in Saskatchewan with a Provincial Rights party in control and in possession of this great asset?

Would members of parliament at Ottawa grow rich on their land grabbing in Saskatchewan if these lands were administered by a Provincial Rights government? They have grown rich on the fat of these lands at Ottawa.

Who fixed the education laws of Saskatchewan? The people of Saskatchewan? Certainly not. Quebec controlled Ottawa, through Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and decided the future of the province in this important matter. What would Quebec say if Saskatchewan through a narrow, bigoted premier at Ottawa demanded the right to dictate the educational policy of that province? Quebecers would rebel.

Are the people of Saskatchewan less British, less men

than those of Quebec? Is there not reason for a continuance of the Provincial Rights party, a party that demands equal rights for all and promises to fight for educational freedom?

Ottawa is not satisfied with controlling all the revenues and educational matters, but under instructions the Legislature has been dissolved and a snap verdict is being attempted. Hoards of Dominion officials are now working the province for Scott.

There was never a time in the history of the west where there was more reason for the existence of a Provincial Rights party. Tribune

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1. Honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest

2. Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.

3. More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended

4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination

5. Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.

6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.

7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national franchises) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.

8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.

9. Development and improvement of our national waterways the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.

10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.

11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.

12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail.

13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.

14. The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire

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